

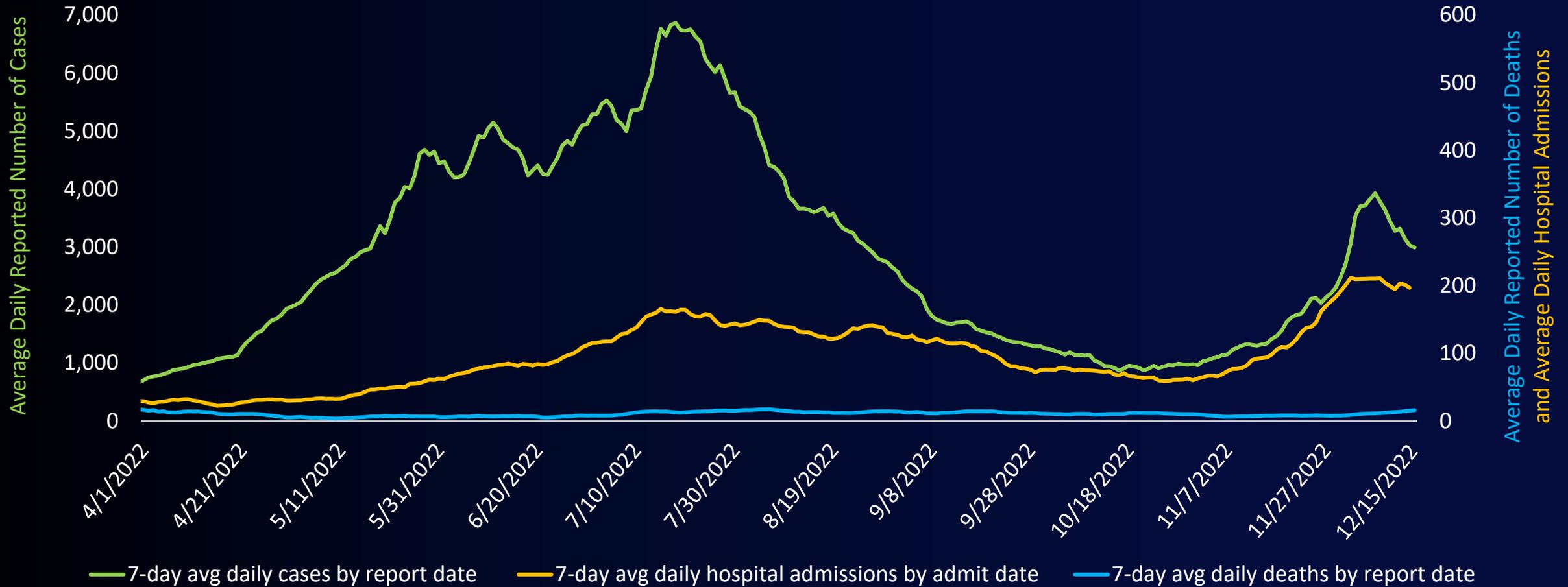
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7-Day Average Daily COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Report Date* and Daily Hospital Admissions by Admit Date April 1, 2022 – December 15, 2022

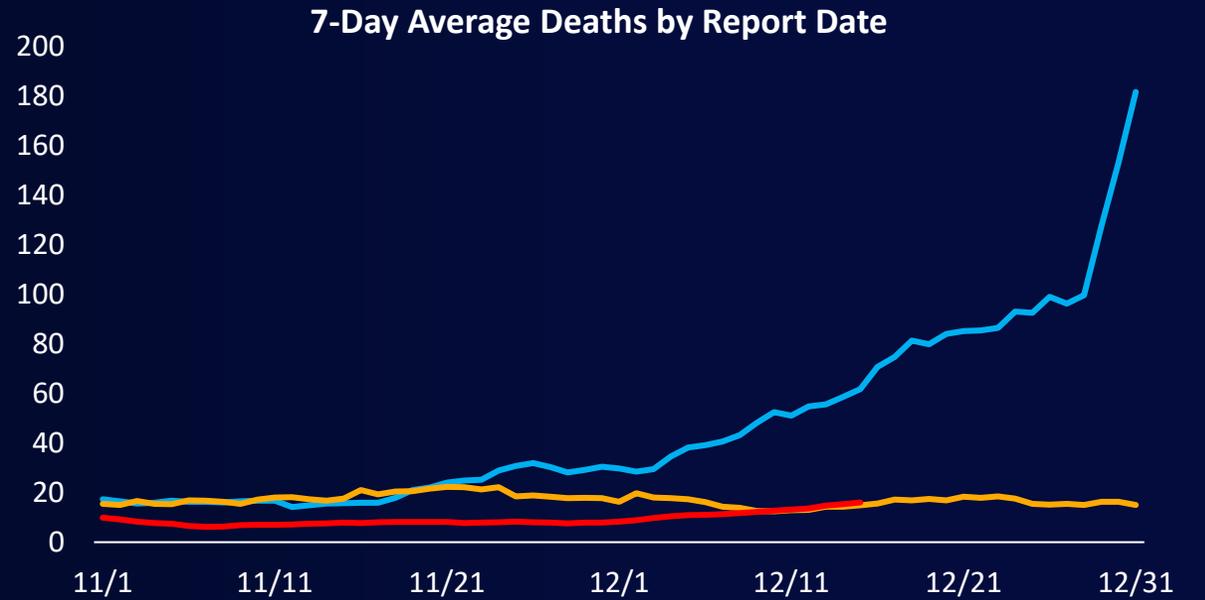
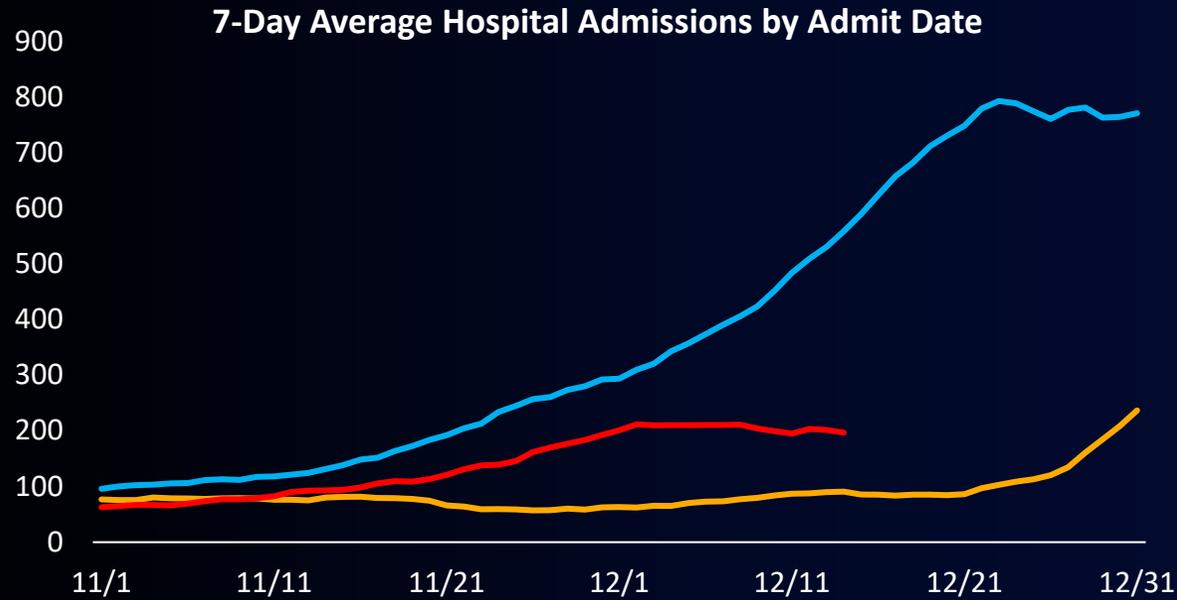


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*Case and death values include data from Long Beach and Pasadena.

7-Day Average Hospital Admissions and Deaths in November-December 2020, 2021, and 2022



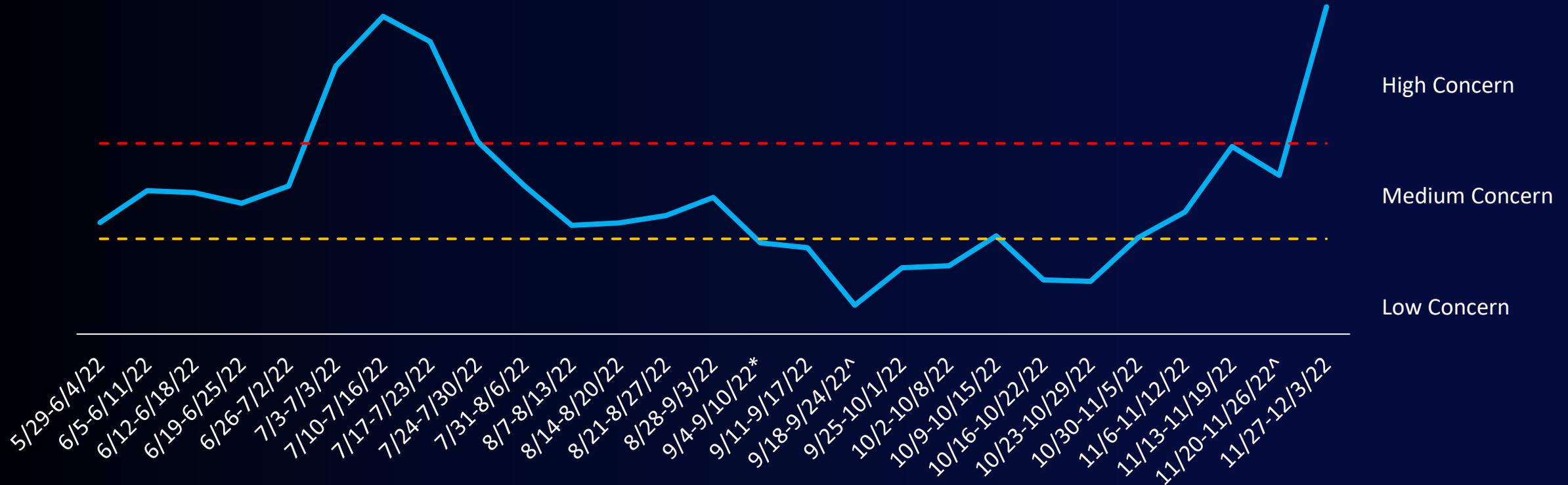
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Los Angeles County Population Weighted Average Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 Concentrations



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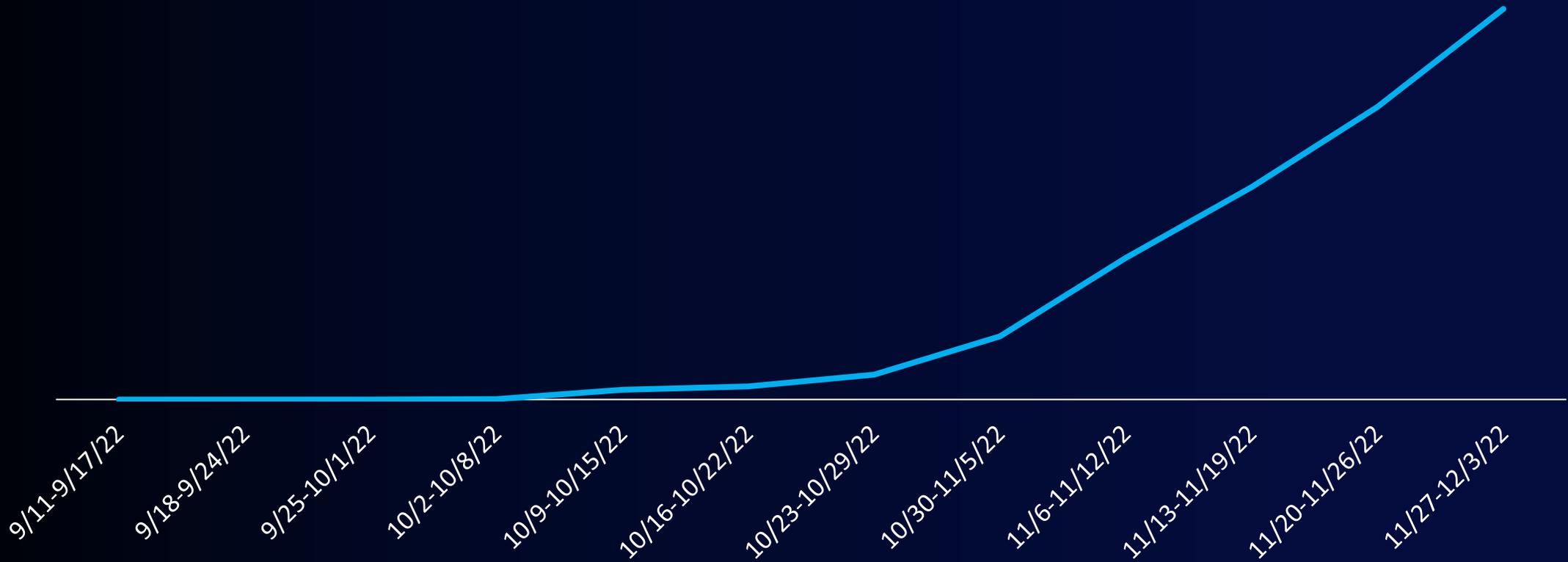
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Data are normalized average wastewater SARS-CoV-2 concentrations.

*No data for Lancaster treatment plant

^No data for Lancaster & Tapia treatment plants

Los Angeles County Population Weighted Average Wastewater Influenza A Concentrations

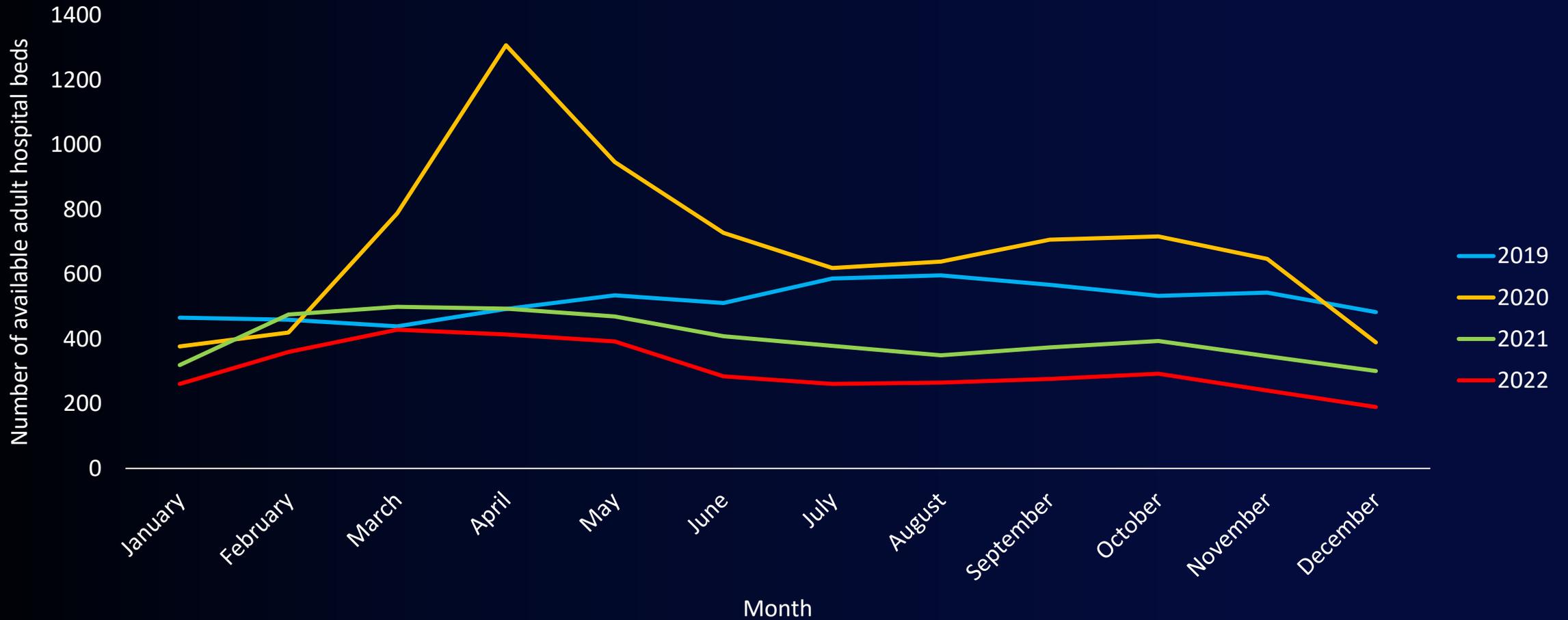


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Data are normalized average wastewater SARS-CoV-2 concentrations for JWPCP, Hyperion, and Lancaster Sewer sheds. No data available for Tapia treatment plant.

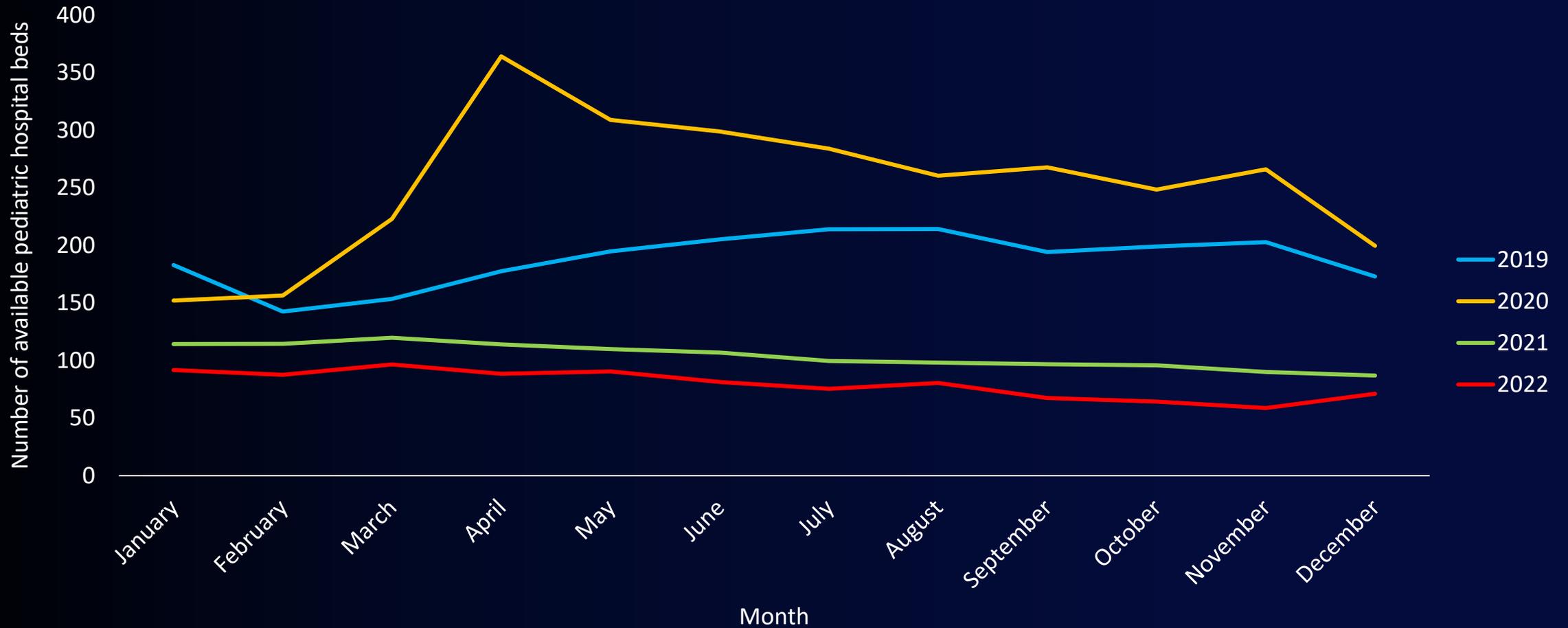
Number of Available Adult Hospital Beds, by Month and Year, Los Angeles County, 2017-2022



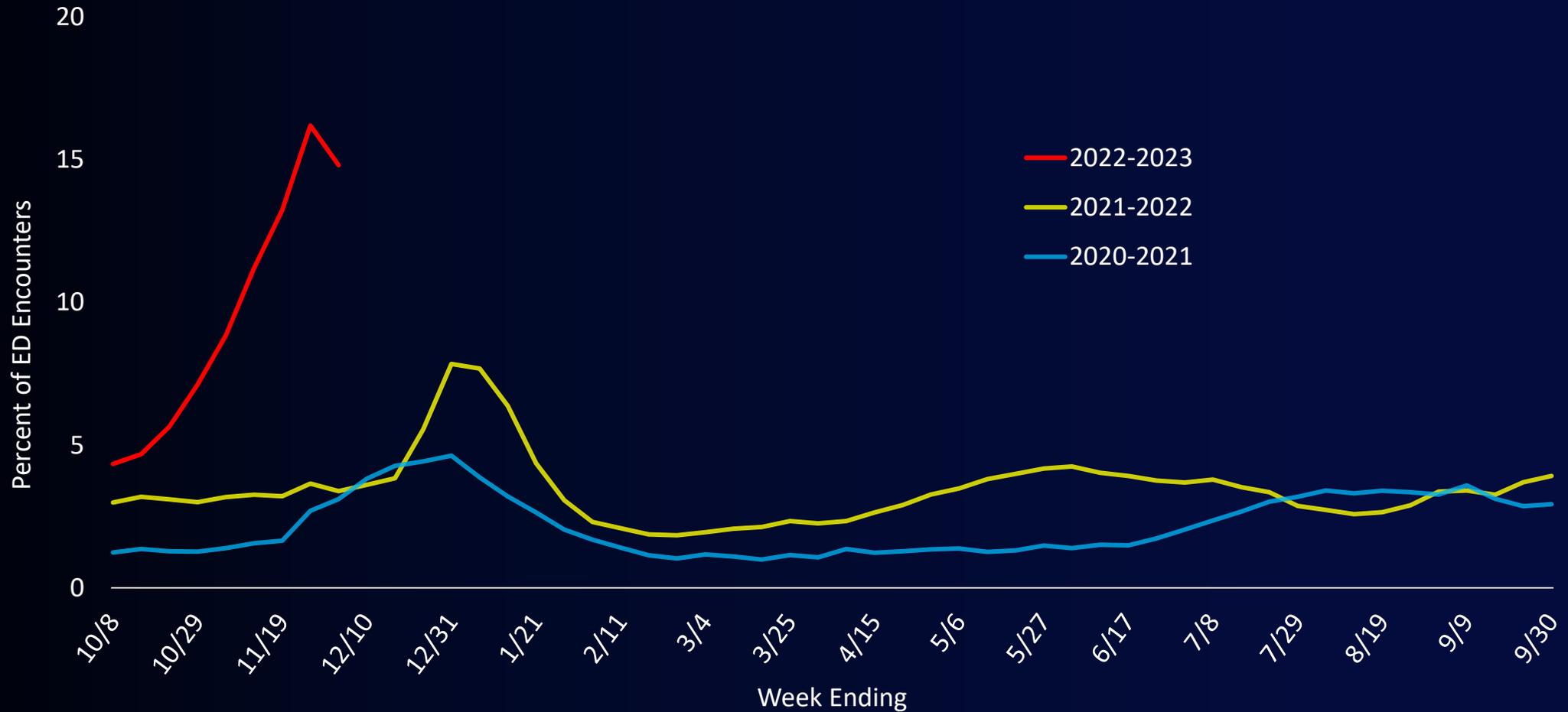
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Number of Available Pediatric Hospital Beds, by Month and Year, Los Angeles County, 2017-2022



Percentage of Emergency Department Encounters Classified as Related to Influenza-Like Illness



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Strategies to reduce severe illness this season



Make sure you and your family have vaccine protection for flu and COVID-19



Seek prescription therapeutics when you have symptoms & test positive

	COVID-19	Influenza
Available Oral Antivirals*	Paxlovid, Molnupiravir	Tamiflu, Baloxavir
When to Take	Within 5 days of symptoms	Within 2 days of symptoms
Eligible Ages	People 12 years and older	People 2 weeks and older

*Additional antivirals are available that can be administered via IV or in other forms, including for younger children. Your provider will advise you on the best fit.



The bivalent booster for children 6 months and older is now available to provide updated protection against COVID-19

Booster eligibility for children 6 months – 5 years old is dependent on the primary series.



For children 6 months – 5 years old who received the **Moderna** COVID-19 vaccine primary series



Receive the updated Moderna COVID-19 (bivalent) booster **2 months after completing primary series**

For children 6 months – 4 years old who have started, or need to start, their **Pfizer** three-dose primary series, yet have not finished it



The third dose in the series will be Pfizer updated (bivalent) booster

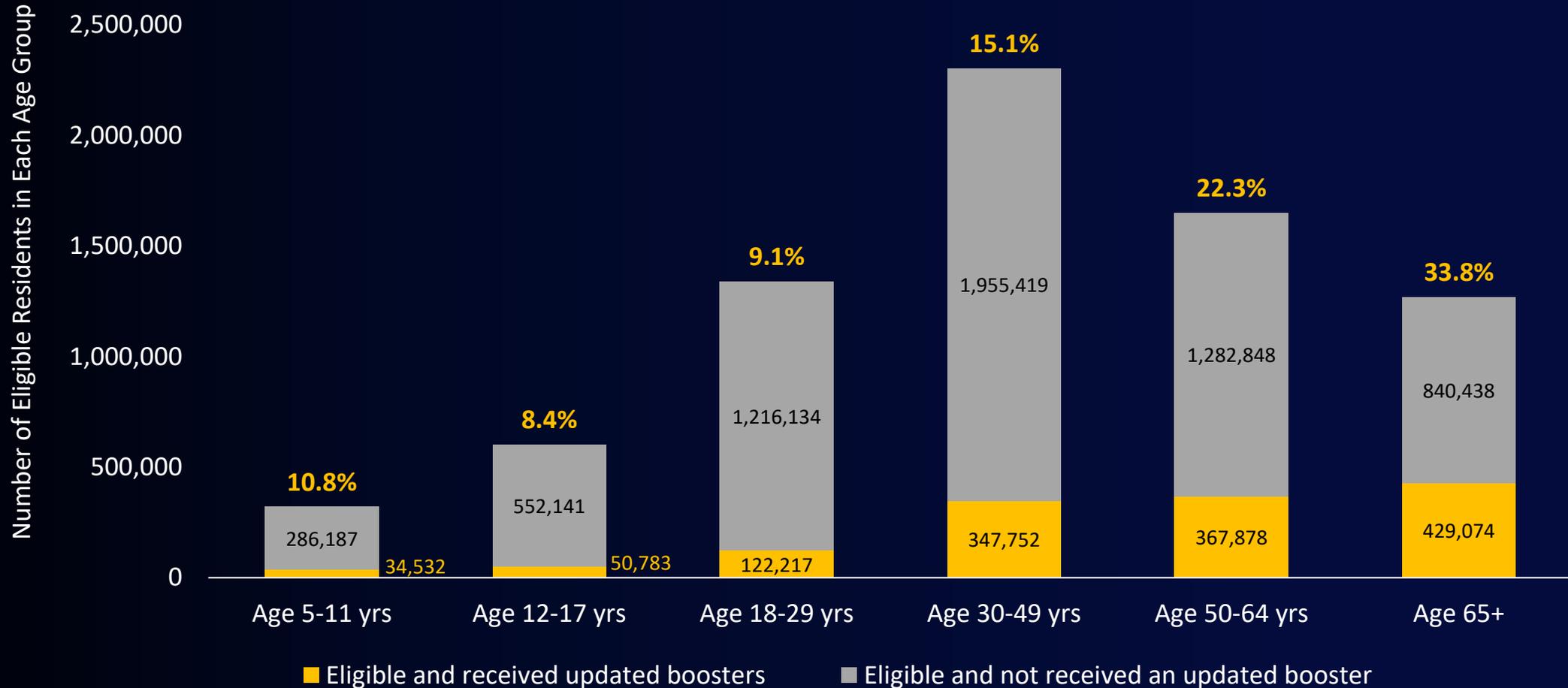
For children 6 months – 4 years old who have completed their three dose primary series with the **Pfizer** (monovalent) COVID-19 vaccine



No additional doses are needed at this time.



Updated (Bivalent) Booster Uptake by Age Group Among Los Angeles County Residents as of 12/11/2022



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CDC COVID-19 Community Levels

New Cases (per 100,000 people in last 7 days)	Indicators	Low	Medium	High	LA County Current Values <u>New Cases:</u> 204/100,000 (as of 12/15/22)
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0	NA
	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%	NA
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0	14.2
	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%	7.2%

The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.



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LA County Early Alert Signals

Indicator	Thresholds			LA County Current Values
	Low Concern	Medium Concern	High Concern	
Percent of specimens sequenced that are identified as a new subvariant of interest (based on WHO, CDC, or local designation) ¹ <i>Currently tracking: BQ.1 and BQ.1.1 combined</i>	< 10%	10%-20%	> 20%	55%
7-day average percent of Emergency Department encounters classified as coronavirus-related ²	< 5%	5%-10%	> 10%	7%
7-day cumulative age-adjusted case rate for the lowest income areas (30-100% area poverty) ²	< 100 per 100,000	100-200 per 100,000	> 200 per 100,000	184 per 100,000
Current SARS-CoV-2 wastewater concentration as a percentage of the Summer 2022 peak concentration value ³	< 30%	30-60%	> 60%	103%
Number of new outbreaks in skilled nursing facilities in past 7 days ⁴	≤ 10	11-20	> 20	36
Number of new outbreaks in TK-12 school classrooms in past 7 days ⁴	≤ 10	11-20	>20	22
Number of new outbreaks in PEH settings in past 7 days ⁴	≤ 10	11-20	> 20	6
Number of worksite cluster reports in past 7 days ⁴	< 150	150-350	> 350	227

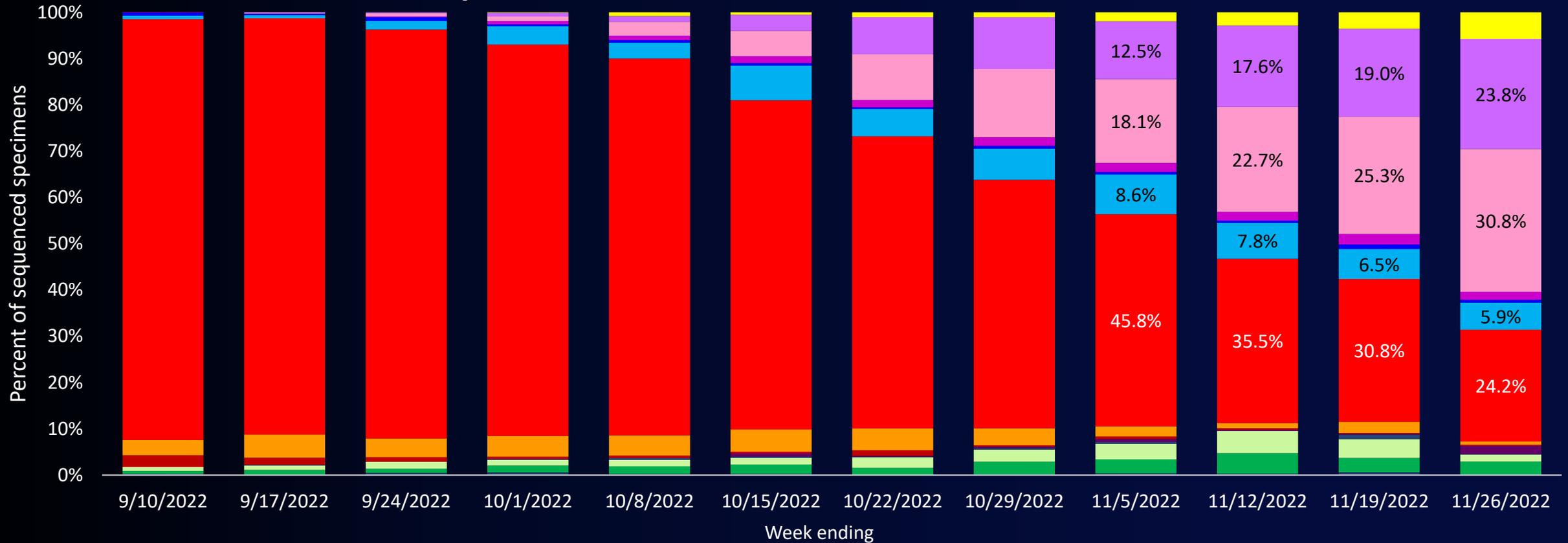


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- 1 Current 7-day period is 11/20/22 – 11/26/22
- 2 Current 7-day period is 12/5/22 – 12/11/22
- 3 Current period is 11/27/22 – 12/3/22
- 4 Current 7-day period is 12/7/22 – 12/13/22

SARS-CoV-2 Variants as a Percentage of All Specimens Sequenced for Baseline Variant Surveillance



- All other Omicron
- Omicron BA.2 (Excludes BA.2.75, BA.2.75.2, and BN.1)
- Omicron BA.2.75 (Excludes BA.2.75.2 and BN.1)
- Omicron BA.4 (Excludes BA.4.6)
- Omicron BA.4.6
- Omicron BA.5 (Excludes BF.7, BF.11, BA.5.2.6, BQ.1 and BQ.1.1)
- BA.5.2.6
- XBB
- BF.7
- BQ.1 (Excludes BQ.1.1)
- BF.11
- BQ.1.1



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*BF.7, BF.11, BQ.1, and BQ.1.1 are sublineages of BA.5

Plan a Safe Holiday Season

- ✓ Have masks on-hand and easy to access for indoor public spaces & transit
- ✓ Check your neighborhood for locations where you can drop-in or make an appointment for the bivalent booster and flu vaccine. ph.lacounty.gov/howtogetvaccinated
- ✓ Look for outdoor options when choosing activities and planning events
- ✓ Have COVID-19 tests on hand to use before gatherings. ph.lacounty.gov/covidtests
- ✓ Talk to friends and family about when to stay home and what symptoms to be aware of and do the same for yourself.



The Federal COVID Home Testing Program Has Reopened

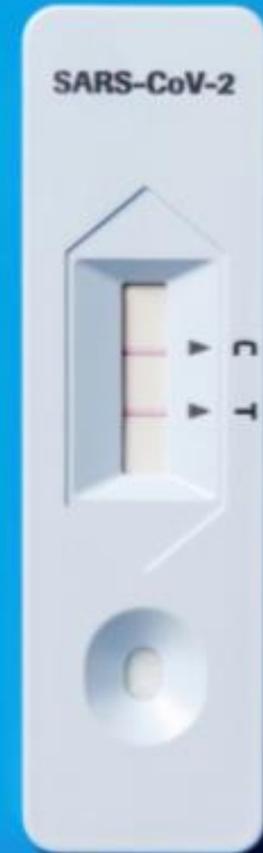
- Households can obtain **four free at-home tests**, which will be mailed for free starting the week of December 19, by visiting **COVIDtests.gov**.
- This program will be reopened for a **limited time**.
- **Everyone** is encouraged to take advantage of this program as cases rise across the country.

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